

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, March 4, 1864.

Section 7 of the act approved February 24, 1864, provides as follows :

“And any person now in the military service of the United States, who shall furnish satisfactory proof that he is a mariner by vocation, or an able seaman, or ordinary seaman, may enlist into the Navy under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the President of the United States: *Provided*, That such enlistment shall not be for less than the unexpired term of his military service, nor for less than one year. And the bounty money which any mariner, or seaman, or ordinary seaman, enlisting from the Army into the Navy, may have received from the United States, or from the State in which he enlisted in the Army, shall be deducted from the prize money to which he may become entitled during the time required to complete his military service: *And provided further*, That the whole number of such transfer enlistments shall not exceed ten thousand.”

The following Regulations are prescribed by the President of the United States to carry this act into effect :

The Secretary of the Navy designates the whole number, not exceeding twelve thousand, which it is desirable to have at each of the several Naval Stations fixed upon by him, as follows, viz :

At Cairo, Ill.....	1,000
At Boston .....	2,000
At New York.....	5,000
At Philadelphia .....	3,000
At Baltimore .....	1,000

To facilitate as much as possible the execution of the law above cited, it shall be the duty of every officer commanding a Company, and of every officer commanding a recruiting rendezvous or depôt, to forward all the applications made to him for transfer by seamen or ordinary seamen of his Company or detachment, together with the proof that the applicants are mariners by vocation, or able or ordinary seaman, through the proper authorities, to the Headquarters of the Army or Department in which the Company is serving, or in which the rendezvous or depôt may be situated; and he shall indicate in his report

those of the applicants who have served longest at sea, and whether in the merchant or naval service. Not less than two years' sea service will constitute an ordinary seaman, and not less than four an able seaman; and, in the absence of other proof, the applicant may be required to make oath as to the service he has seen at sea. All recruits who may be found qualified for transfer to the Navy will be retained at the dépôt until the decision of the Army or Department Commander is made known.

Each Commanding General of an Army or Department which has been required to furnish a quota for transfer to the Navy, will at once designate one or more officers, as may be required, to examine the applications and determine from them, according to the qualifications of the applicants and the number to be furnished, what men shall be transferred to the Navy, care being taken that the transfer enlistments shall be so apportioned among the companies of each command that no Regiment shall be reduced below the minimum organization.

As fast as selections are made, the men selected for transfer will be sent to the designated stations in the most expeditious manner, under suitable conduct; and the officer in charge of each detachment will be furnished with complete descriptive lists, containing statements of the pay, bounty, and clothing received and due, which will be turned over with the men to the Commandant of the station.

Upon being accepted at the Naval station, the men will be dropped from the rolls of their companies as transferred to the Navy by enlistment; but if rejected for physical disability or for not having seen the prescribed sea service, they will be sent back to their Companies; and if guilty of fraud or misrepresentation in their applications, the expense of transportation will be charged against their pay.

Weekly reports of the men transferred under the provisions of this order will be made to the Adjutant General of the Army.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

W. A. NICHOLS,  
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